

# Convention, Accuracy metrics, Classification, Regression

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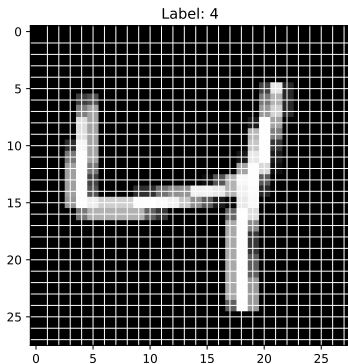
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### Notebook: rule-based-vs-ml.html



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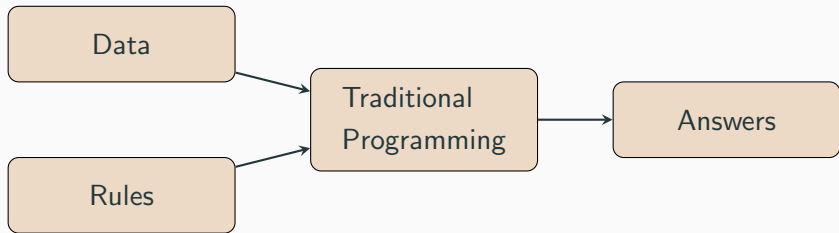


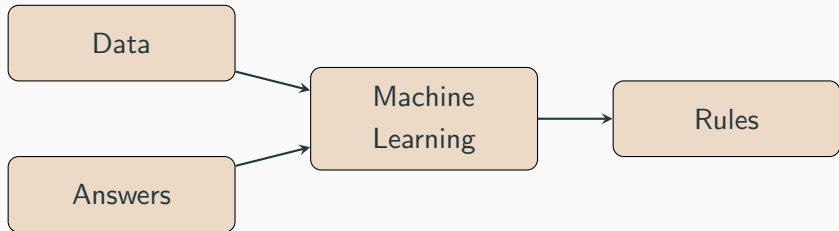
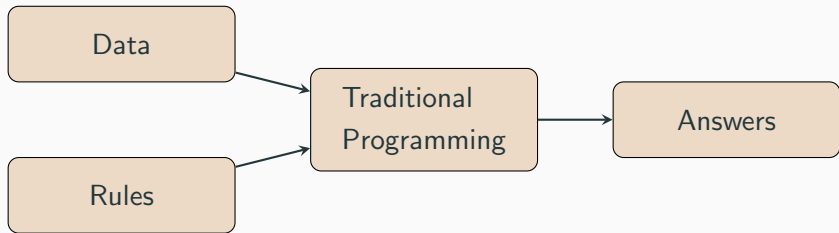
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## First ML Task: Grocery store tomatoes quality prediction

Problem statement: You want to predict the quality/condition of a tomato given its visual features.

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Estimate condition for unseen tomatoes (#5, 6) based on data set.

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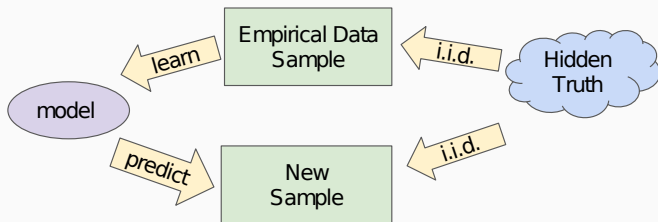


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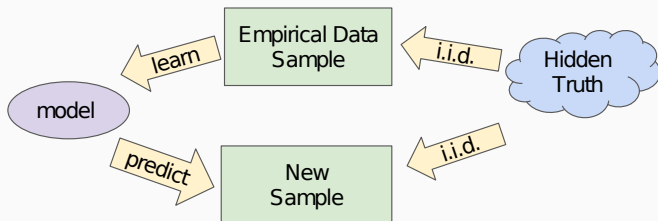


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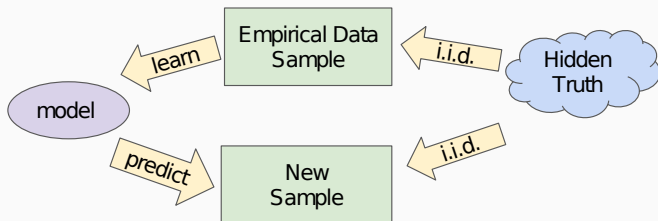


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# Metrics for Classification

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Ground Truth: From the actual training set

Prediction: Made by the model

# Accuracy

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Accuracy} &= \frac{||y = \hat{y}||}{||y||} \\ &= \frac{3}{5} = 0.6\end{aligned}$$



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	Good	Bad
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$$F\text{-Score} = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

## Accuracy Metrics: Matthew's Correlation Coefficient

		Ground Truth	
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Predicted	Yes	True Positive	False Positive
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Matthew's correlation coefficient =

$$\frac{TP \times TN - FP \times FN}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}$$



## Accuracy Metrics: Example

For the data given below, calculate:

	G.T. Positive	G.T. Negative
Pred Positive	90	4
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Precision = ?

Recall = ?

F-Score = ?

Matthew's Coeff. = ?

## Accuracy Metrics: Answer

For the same data

	G.T. Positive	G.T. Negative
Pred Positive	90	4
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$$\text{Precision} = \frac{90}{94}$$

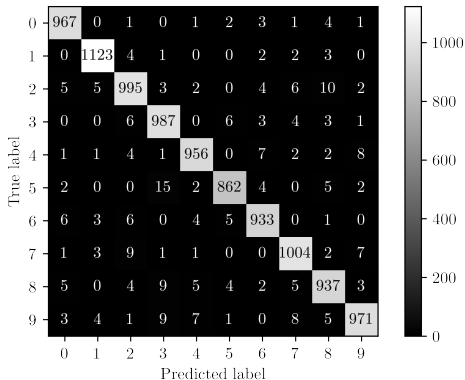
$$\text{Recall} = \frac{90}{91}$$

$$\text{F-Score} = 0.9524$$

$$\text{Matthew's Coeff.} = 0.14$$

# Confusion Matrix for multi-class classification

Notebook: [confusion-mnist.html](#)



## Metrics for Regression MSE & MAE

Prediction ( $\hat{y}$ )	Ground Truth ( $y$ )
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30	40
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$$\text{Mean Squared Error (MSE)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}{N}$$

$$\text{Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)} = \sqrt{\text{MSE}}$$

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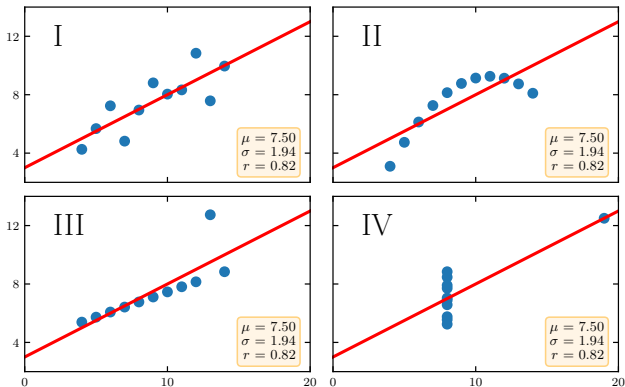
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Errors can get cancelled out

# The Importance of Plotting

Notebook: [anscombe.html](#)



Anscombe's Quartet



**Notebook: `dummy-baselines.html`**

# The Importance of Plotting

Property	Value	Accross datasets
mean(X)	9	exact
mean(Y)	7.5	upto 3 decimal places
Linear regression line	$y = 3.00 + 0.500x$	upto 2 decimal places